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# Parent Representation in Missouri Child Welfare Cases: Emerging Issues in the Field

Friday, March 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. CST

7.2 CLE Credits including 1.2 Ethics Credits and 1.2 Elimination of Bias Credits

**8:30 a.m. | Welcome**

**8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.**

**Prepetition Advocacy**

Alexandria Cinney

*Staff Attorney, ABA Legal Representation Projects*

**9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.**

**Challenging placement on Missouri's Child Abuse and Neglect Registry**

Kathleen DuBois

*Parent Attorney since 1999, St. Louis, Missouri*

**10:40 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. | Break**

**10:55 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.**

**Representing parents regarding permanency when reunification is ruled out.**

**Advocating against TPRs with a focus on permanency options including guardianship.**

Josh Gupta-Kagan

*Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School*

**11:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.**

**Representing Incarcerated Parents**

Kathleen Creamer

*Managing Attorney - Family Advocacy Unit, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia*

**12:55 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Break**

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Exploring the Concept of a Family Defender Office and State Office of Parent Representation**

Gwendolyn Clegg

*Director, Family Representation and Advocacy Program, Oklahoma Office of Family Representation*

**2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Duties to Clients at Family Court – confidentiality, competence, diligence, zealouslyness**

Laurie Snell

*Parent Attorney since 1997, Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri*

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